

House Resolution No. 3299

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their achievements in endeavors that support young people and their involvement in productive, positive activities; and

Whereas, John McGovern has attained considerable distinction as the Chief of Police in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, whose school district admirably educates more than 3,000 students through the expertise and insights of nearly 250 certificated staff in Clay County; and

Whereas, employed by the Excelsior Springs community to ensure the safety of all residents and visitors, John McGovern is especially willing to give advice to, listen to, and encourage students, parents, and grandparents who are dealing with difficult individual life choices; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Molly and the loving father of Lindsey, John McGovern has empathy for students and parents in the community and makes the youth of his hometown his top priority as a police officer; and

Whereas, when youth fail to meet societal expectations of conduct, John McGovern helps them understand the seriousness of misdemeanors, pranks, and unproductive activities and will even accompany a student to court as a liaison between the judge, prosecuting attorney, and troubled youth in order to provide encouragement, support, and direction at what is definitely a low point in the child's life; and

Whereas, John McGovern not only is available during regular school hours, he also is present at extracurricular activities and youth organizations and returns phone calls from concerned individuals if he happens to be away from his office when an incoming call occurs; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as John McGovern:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of John McGovern and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of the time and energy he devotes to the youth of the Excelsior Springs community; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to John McGovern of Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Nance
District No. 36

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3299, adopted May 28, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker